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SUBJ: AMCIT RELEASED FROM YUGOSLAV MILITARY SERVICE

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1. CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG AND SENATOR STEVENS INTERESTED.
2. ZHUTA CAME TO EMBASSY ON JUL 13. HE WAS RELEASED FROM MILITARY SERVICE ON JUN 28 AND PLANS TO RETURN TO ALASKA WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
3. ZHUTA REPORTED THAT HE SERVED HIS ENTIRE TWELVE-MONTH TOUR AT KUMANOVO BASE DOING MOSTLY MENIAL CHORES, CLEANING RIFLES, WORKING IN KITCHEN, ETC. HE WAS TOLD SPECIFICALLY THAT HE COULD NOT BE ASSIGNED TO GUARD DUTY BECAUSE HE COULD NOT BE TRUSTED. HE SAID HE WAS THE ONLY AMERICAN AND ONLY FOREIGNER AT BASE. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MORE CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS DRAFTED INTO YUGOSLAV MILITARY THAN AMERICANS, PROBABLY BECAUSE THESE COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN MORE YOUNG IMMIGRANTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA IN RECENT YEARS. AUSTRALIAN CONSUL ESTIMATES THERE NOW 12-15 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS IN YUGOSLAV ARMY.

4. ZHUTA WAS PERMITTED TO SEND AND RECEIVE MAIL WHICH HE IS CERTAIN WAS READ. SEVERAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ABOUT HIM FROM AN ALASKAN NEWSPAPER WERE CONFISCATED. HE SAID THAT HE WAS WATCHED

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VERY CLOSELY AND HAD TO WATCH WHAT HE SAID ALL THE TIME.

EARLY ON HE DECIDED SIMPLY TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT, DO WHAT
HE WAS TOLD AND WAIT FOR THE YEAR TO PASS.
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